

RANDOLPH TRAILS SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



Earth Day Walk and Talk

Moved to May 10

This year, the Trails Committee **Earth Day Walk and Talk** will be combined with the Wellness Walk with Mayor Joe Hathaway. We invite you to join us on a leisurely hike with Steve Ember, long time Sierra Club hike leader in North Jersey & Eric Sosa, Mental Health Association for a talk on **“How to Enjoy Nature.”** Eric Sosa will also provide some information on the health benefits of walking. Join us for a short walk in Brundage Park Preserve that will be an out and back trek starting in Brundage Park and taken at a leisurely pace. We will observe the natural beauty of the park. Some information and tips will be provided about free-roaming animals, ecosystems, hiking, and releasing stress.

Check the Randolph Trails Facebook page for details.



The Return of the Fairies - May 3

For as long as anyone could remember, the Fairy Trails in Randolph had been a place of wonder. Hidden among the towering oaks and whispering pines, tiny wooden doors peeked out from tree trunks, and miniature villages crafted from acorns and twigs delighted visitors young and old. But over time, the trails became worn by the weather, and the fairies —so the legend went—had disappeared.

And so, the fairy trail became a part of Randolph, a place where magic could always be found, and where the spirit of togetherness and community spirit thrived.

Magic is returning  to Randolph on May 3 with the reopening of the Randolph Fairy Trail! Registration is open for the 2025 season for fairy houses to be placed on the trail. Details can be found on [Facebook Fairy Trail](#).



Randolph Trails Challenge Kicks off May 3

How many times have you set out to walk the trails but are not sure which trail is best for you and/or your family? Is the trail paved? Are there hills, is it gravel covered? Starting May 3, the day of the reopening of the Fairy Trail, the Trails Committee will kick-off the Trails Challenge. The idea is to solicit residents to post on the Randolph Trails Facebook page their favorite trail. We ask that our “friends” will include trail features to provide information to interested walkers.

One trail will be selected as the “Trail of the Month.” The first trail is the Fairy Trail which is reopening in May. A map of all the trails can be found on the Township website.

[Trail System | Randolph Township, NJ](#)

The Fairy Trail map is on the Randolph Trails Facebook page and the Fairy Trail page.

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What's New on the Trails

The Randolph, NJ trail system is continuously evolving to enhance the experience for its users. Here are some recent updates:

1. **Trail Expansion:** The township is actively working on expanding the trail network, with new connections like the Old Shunpike Road/Patriots Path Connector and Liberty Village to James Andrews Park being prioritized.
2. **Rosenfarb Park** is set to undergo redevelopment, which includes plans for a new basketball court. This initiative is part of a broader effort to enhance the park's facilities and provide more recreational opportunities for the northern section of the community.

3. **Fairy Trail:** A whimsical addition to the Brundage Preserve, the Randolph Fairy Trail features tiny fairy houses crafted by the community. It is open from May to November and offers a magical experience for visitors.

4. **Trail Maintenance and Master Plan Updates:** The Trails Advisory Committee has updated the Trails Master Plan, focusing on improving connectivity and maintaining the core trail network. The Master Plan is posted on the Township website. The Circulation Element of the Township Master Plan includes proposed trail expansion.

Combs Hollow trail – the trail was widened at the end at Combs Hollow Road and the parking area was resurfaced.

5. **Community Involvement:** The Township is planning to start a survey of the Parks and Recreation facilities. It is in its early stages and resident input will begin around the fall. All residents are encouraged to participate. The survey will help shape the future of the parks and recreational facilities in town.

This is what could happen if you keep a Birdfeeder in your yard!



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